



### Community Spotlight: William "Bill" Clarke Jr.

*The Community Spotlight series is a monthly column where the Town of Forest Heights recognizes an individual who has accomplished great work and/or has made a significant impact in the community. To nominate a person, please email suggestions to [liu.y.mimi@gmail.com](mailto:liu.y.mimi@gmail.com) or call 301-839-1030.*

We are very proud to feature William "Bill" Clarke Jr. as this month's Community Spotlight. As you will learn from his personal story, Mr. Clarke is a truly remarkable and selfless man who has demonstrated such incredible strength, courage and kindness throughout his life.

Mr. Clarke's involvement in the Town took root in 1979 when he became a volunteer on the Town's Recreation Council, later serving as President of the Recreation Council under Mayor Warren Adams' administration. During his time on the Recreation Council, Clarke said the Town hosted many activities such as summer programs for the youth, and even established Forest Heights girls' softball, boys' baseball and T-ball teams. Clarke said that while there were some challenges when it came to funding, he said the Town "managed to adapt" and "didn't waste anything." He said the community would always come together.

"When the snow plows got stuck, people with their snow shovels would come out and help," he said.

Mr. Clarke also did a few odd jobs for the Town such as waxing the floors at the Town Hall Building and taking care of the building at night. When an open daytime position came up, it would be his friend and colleague Anne Reifsneider (the two had served on the Recreation Council together) who would recommend him for the job. He spent 28 years working in the Public Works Division, and during that time, he was able to move up to the position of Public Works supervisor.

Mr. Clarke went on to serve two terms on the Forest Heights Town Council representing Ward III. Even after his time on the Town Council, he continues to serve the Town by volunteering his time and efforts for community events.

Mr. Clarke is also a decorated war veteran and American hero who has time and time again shown such patriotism and duty to his country. Between 1952 and 1955, his father was stationed in Germany during the World War II occupation; the elder Clarke retired from the U.S. Army in 1955.

The younger Clarke attended Anacostia High School in the District of Columbia, but left his senior year to join the Army (he would later earn his GED in the service). He served two tours of duty in Germany. It was during his first tour of duty that he met his wife Katrina "Kathe" Walter. They later married in 1964. Mr. Clarke then went on to serve in the Vietnam War between 1968 and 1969. During a patrol, the Jeep that Clarke was riding in hit an improvised explosive device (IED), and he suffered severe head injuries from the flying shrapnel. He was transported from Japan to Alaska to Air Force Andrews Base (now Joint Base Andrews), and was later hospitalized at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. The injuries resulted in half of Mr. Clarke's face being permanently paralyzed and being declared 100-percent disabled by the Department of Veterans Affairs. He was honorably discharged – achieving the rank of Army Staff Sergeant – and was awarded two service medals for his time in Vietnam. He also received an Army of Occupation Medal for his service in Germany.

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**Mayor/Council Meeting, Monday January 5, 2014 7:30 p.m.  
And Wednesday January 21, 2014 8:00 p.m.**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS ANNEXATION  
Monday January 12, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. Also  
Wednesday January 21, 2015 at 8:00 P.M. at the Town Hall**

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## **Police Department**

**Stewart Russell, Chief of Police**

**Latessa Crawford, Police Clerk**

**(301) 839-4040 (301) 839-1122 fax**

**(Non-Emergency) (301) 352-1200**

**Eastover District IV Police**

**(301) 749-4900**

## **Code Enforcement**

**Kevin Miller**

**301-839-4040 ext. 228**

## **Public Works**

**Stanley Mosley,**

**Public Works Supervisor**

**301 839-1030 ext. 231**

**Forest Heights Municipal Building**

**Located behind McDonalds**

**5508 Arapahoe Drive**

**Forest Heights MD, 20745**

**www.forestheightsmd.gov**

## **FOREST HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT**



### **Maryland's 'Move Over' Laws**

Please be mindful of new changes made to the 'move over' law that went into effect Oct. 1, 2014 requiring drivers to 'move over' for police, fire, emergency medical services personnel and tow truck operators working on Maryland roadsides.

The law requires drivers, if possible, to move over into the next lane when approaching an emergency vehicle from the rear that is stopped and displaying its emergency lights. If it is not possible for drivers to move over they must slow down to a reasonable and prudent speed and be prepared to stop if necessary.

While the 'move over' law applies to emergency vehicles like ambulances and police cars, drivers should exercise this same caution whenever they come across an accident, disabled vehicle, or road crew on the side of the road. The intent of the law is to provide an extra barrier of safety for those working along the side of Maryland highways.

Drivers are reminded the 'move over' law is a primary offense with a fine of \$110 and one point. If the violation contributes to a traffic collision, the fine will be \$150 and three points. If the violation contributes to crash resulting in death or serious injury, the fine is \$750 and three points.

### **Jury Duty Scam**

Just several days before the holidays, the Prince George's County Sheriff's Office received information about a scam that involved a caller telling a citizen that she had missed jury duty and that she had to go to a 7-Eleven to buy a pre-paid card in the amount of \$500.

Residents need to be aware that the Sheriff's Office does not make calls to citizens about jury duty, nor do they ask citizens for money on a pre-paid card for missing jury duty or any other reason.

If you encounter this scam, please report it to the Prince George's County Sheriff's Office at 301-780-8600.

**TAKE A BITE OUT OF  
CRIME**



**Would you like this  
neighborhood to be  
known as the Safest  
Place in Maryland?**

**"Call to get involved"**

**301-839-1030**

### **Forest Heights Police Department December 2014 All Calls For Service**

911 HANG UP	1 MANDOWN	2
ANIMAL COMPLAINT (OTHER)	1 NOTIFICATION	4
ASSAULT REPORT	2 ROBBERY (ARMED)	1
ASSIST FIRE DEPT / EMS	2 ROBBERY (CITIZEN)	1
ASSIST OUTSIDE AGENCY	6 ROBBERY (T/A)	2
AUTO THEFT	1 STOLEN AUTO (RECOVERED)	2
B & E (COMMERCIAL)	1 SUICIDE	2
B & E (RESIDENTIAL)	1 SUSPICIOUS SUBJECT(S)	2
BURGLAR ALARM (RESIDENTIAL)	5 SUSPICIOUS SUBJECT(S) (ARMED)	2
CHECK ON THE WELFARE	2 SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	2
COURT	2 THEFT REPORT	6
DISORDERLY SUBJECT(S)	12 THREATS COMPLAINT	1
DISPUTE BETWEEN PERSONS	5 TRAFFIC ACCIDENT	1
DOMESTIC DISPUTE	4 TRAFFIC ACCIDENT (HIT & RUN)	1
FIGHT IN PROGRESS	1 UNKNOWN TROUBLE	1
HOLD-UP ALARM	1 VEHICLE LOCKOUT	1
INVESTIGATION	1 WARRANT SERVICE	4
LANDLORD/TENANT DISPUTE	1 TOTAL CALLS HANDLED:	85

## ***Message from the Mayor's Office***

Welcoming in a New Year always causes us to pause and reflect on the year that has passed. There are family and friends that have moved from our eyes to our hearts who will be truly missed, and new members of our family and new friends that we welcome into our lives. It's a brand new year, and as I look back and share on what was accomplished in 2014, I also want to share a lot of exciting and new Town projects and changes on the horizon for 2015.

First and foremost, I would like to remind Town residents of the special Public Hearings on the Forest Heights Annexation Plan. As required by law, notices were sent to the county and state, and four weeks of public notice was published in a newspaper of general circulation. While we are only required to have one hearing 15 days after the last publication, we will hold two in order for some of our older citizens to be able to attend. The first hearing will be held on Jan. 12 at 6 p.m. and the final hearing will be held on Jan. 21 at 8 p.m., both at the Town Hall Building. I hope to see as many of you in attendance and sharing your feedback as this will be a huge game-changer for our area. This will help to cement the future of our Town, especially in regard to the new MGM casino at National Harbor and other future economic development projects in the area along Indian Head Highway and Oxon Hill Road that will benefit our Town.

Since 2005, the Town Council has discussed annexation of commercial areas as a means to reduce the tax burden on residents, similar to those actions taken by Bowie, Hyattsville and other municipalities. As we look to the north in the District and all around Prince George's County, we have seen a great deal of change, and as our town administrator is fond of saying "Change is coming; we can be the author of our future or sit back and wait to see what happens." I hope that you will join us as we envision a better future for Forest Heights and Move Forward.

I am also pleased to announce that thanks to a TreeKeepers grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust that the Town was awarded in December, I will be looking to hire (3) high school students who are interested in the environment this summer to help with tree plantings in the Town. We will begin taking applications in mid-April. I would also like to remind our young citizens (high school and college students) that there are many opportunities for internships with the Federal Pathways Program. Additional information can be found online at <https://www.usajobs.gov/StudentsAndGrads>. In addition to looking for summer job opportunities early, some businesses begin taking applications as early as February.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude toward our hard-working staff, Councilmembers, Town residents and community partners who have worked with me in helping our Town get to where we are in 2015. I feel so blessed to have such a great team surrounding me. We have achieved so much in the past year: health activities/programs to get our youth and seniors active, which resulted in our designation as one of Maryland's first HEAL communities (Healthy Eating Active Living), as well as a Playful City USA Community designation through KaBOOM! as part of the Let's Move campaign. We also received designation as a Maryland Energy Smart Community with 98 homeowners who have so far received weatherization improvements to their homes at little/no cost to them.

During my time as both Mayor and Councilmember, I helped to bring in several million dollars in grants for the Town (see complete 2014 below), which have helped to alleviate a lot of the pressure off our residents in terms of funding important projects. And I am confident that we will only continue to build on that. As always, please continue to follow our monthly newsletter, webpage and Facebook page for the latest news.

### **Here are some of the grants Forest Heights received for 2014:**

\$190,000 – Community Legacy Grant Renovation of New Police Department/Public Works Facility  
\$49,000 – Chesapeake Bay Trust TreeKeepers Grant  
\$50,000 – State of MD Bond Bill Municipal Building Renovation - Lower Level

**Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) – PG Municipal Collaboration – EmPOWER Clean Energy Communities Grant Program - \$114,294.16**

#### **FoxMo Tot Lot – Grant Funding**

**Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) – Project Open Space – \$24,000**  
**Dr. Pepper Snapple Group KaBoom! – Let's Play Construction Grant – \$20,000**  
**MD Department of Natural Resources MD Parks & Playgrounds – \$28,000**

**Chesapeake Bay Trust (CBT) – Green Streets Grant Program – \$202,490**  
**National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) – Building Blue: Stormwater Management for Rolph Drive – \$200,000**  
**State Highway Administration (SHA) – Safe Routes to School Program Grant (SRTS) – \$211,000**

***Here's wishing that everyone's New Year is off to a fantastic start!***

Mayor Jacqueline Goodall

# Town Community News

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The Clarkes have resided in Forest Heights since 1972. Before his wife passed away, one of her last wishes was for him to continue to volunteer in her place at the Fort Washington Food Pantry at St. John's Episcopal Church in Broad Creek; he has been dutifully fulfilling that promise for the past two years. Mr. Clarke's responsibilities include picking up food from the Capital Area Food Bank in northeast D.C. and bringing it to the food pantry. He spends 2-3 Saturdays a month helping to distribute the food to those in need, and helping with table setup on the days before.

Mr. Clarke is a member of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), at one point serving as treasurer and adjutant for a few years for the Camp Springs Senior Activity Center location (Chapter 17) of the organization. He has two children and one grandchild.

## Great News for First-Time Homebuyers in Prince George's County

You could get significant rate reductions, up to \$20,000 in down payment assistance, and Maryland Home credit through the Maryland Mortgage Program (MMP) Triple Play. This new \$100 million initiative – a partnership between Prince George's County, the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Maryland Attorney General's office – gives eligible homebuyers in Prince George's County incredible financial incentives that put homeownership within reach.

Generally, the MMP is limited to first-time homebuyers; however, this requirement will be waived if the borrower is purchasing in a targeted zip code (areas where some of the highest foreclosure rates are occurring in the county) and have sold their current home prior to closing on the new property. Also, any homebuyer who has not owned a home in the last (3) years and an honorably discharged veteran who has not previously used the first-time homebuyer exemption, are eligible to participate in the MMP.

For more information on the MMP Triple Play, including participating lenders and current interest rates, please visit [www.mmp.maryland.gov](http://www.mmp.maryland.gov).



## Grandes noticias para Primera Vez Los compradores de vivienda en el Condado de

Usted podría conseguir reducciones en las tasas significativas, hasta \$ 20,000 en asistencia de pago inicial, y Maryland Home crédito a través del Programa de Hipotecas Maryland (MMP) Triple Play. Esta nueva iniciativa de 100.000.000 dólares - una asociación entre el Condado de Prince George, el Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario de Maryland, y la oficina del Fiscal General de Maryland - da los compradores de vivienda elegibles en el Condado de incentivos financieros increíbles de Prince George que ponen a la propiedad de vivienda a su

En general, la MMP se limita a los compradores de vivienda por primera vez; Sin embargo, este requisito no se aplicará si el prestatario está comprando en un código postal específico (áreas donde algunos de los más altos índices de ejecuciones hipotecarias se están produciendo en el condado) y han vendido su casa actual antes del cierre de la nueva propiedad. Además, cualquier comprador que no ha sido propietario de una casa en los últimos (3) años y un veterano con licenciamiento honorable que no ha utilizado previamente la exención para compradores de vivienda por primera vez, son elegibles para participar en el MMP.

Para obtener más información sobre la MMP Triple Play, incluidos los prestamistas participantes y las tasas de interés actuales, visite [www.mmp.maryland.gov](http://www.mmp.maryland.gov).



## New Aquatics Facility Proposed for Southern Regional Tech/Rec Complex

Representatives from the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) and Sorg Architects unveiled preliminary designs for a new proposed aquatics facility for the Southern Regional Technology/Recreation Complex in Fort Washington at a Dec. 11 Community Meeting.

The new 16,000-square-foot aquatics facility will be accessible from the Tech/Rec Complex via an outdoor path and will have approximately 132 parking spaces. Some of the key features include: a lobby, (2) different pools (one for recreation and another for therapy/teaching), lockers, changing rooms, wet/dry party rooms and classrooms, skylights and exercise spaces. The recreation pool is proposed to have 3-4 lap lanes with possibilities for a small climbing wall, floating elements and water basketball. Plans are also being proposed to construct a playground outside the facility with opportunities for wet/dry play. According to Park and Planning officials, approximately \$10 million has been approved for the project. Construction on the new aquatics facility is expected to be completed by late 2016 or early 2017 though dates may be subject to change.

## Recycle Your Live Christmas Trees for FREE

From now through Feb. 1, 2015, you can recycle your live Christmas trees for FREE with Prince George's County. To participate, residents with County-provided yard waste collection should place their undecorated live Christmas trees at the curb before 6:30 a.m. on their regularly scheduled collection day. Residents may also drop off their undecorated trees at the following locations: Prince George's County Yard Waste Composting Facility

6601 Southeast Crain Highway in Upper Marlboro Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Brown Station Road Public Convenience Center

3501 Brown Station Road in Upper Marlboro Monday-Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Every tree collected through the program will be shredded and cured to produce mulch for the county's Department of the Environment's annual spring Mulch Madness giveaway event. Residents are asked to remove all plastic bags before placing trees at the curb for collection.



Coalition for African Americans in the Performing Arts  
presents

**ANGELA M. BROWN**  
Performing a fun & sassy concert for all ages!

**'Opera: From a Sistah's Point of View'**  
Accompanied by Dr. Lester Greaves, Artistic Director  
With MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES Kristin Wright, ABC-4

Also featuring Prince George's County Music Students,  
Duke Ellington School for the Performing Arts students &  
other surprise special guests!

**Sunday, Jan. 25, 2015**  
**5:00 pm**  
Bowie Performing Arts Center  
15200 Annapolis Road, Bowie, MD

\$25.00 General Admission  
\$40.00 Reserved VIP Seating  
Students under 18 - FREE

Proceeds benefit CAAPA, gifts to the Coalition for African Americans in the Performing Arts (CAAPA) are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. CAAPA is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization (EIN 30-0850465).

Purchase Tickets online at [www.Acapa.org](http://www.Acapa.org) Click DONATE or  
Call 301-839-1444 to pay by phone or  
Send Check to CAAPA, PO Box 44854, Fort Washington, MD 20744 (Specify if at least desired & money)  
GROUP SALES RESERVATIONS CONTACT 301-839-1444

Supported in part by PG Arts & Humanities and a generous grant from the City of Bowie.



# Community Healthy Heights Tips



## The Forest Heights Seniors Recreation Program Presents:

### Home Equity Seminar

**Monday, January 12, 2015 1-2pm**

Forest Heights Municipal Building

5508 Arapahoe Drive

**For information, contact Mrs. Turner at  
202-330-3043 or email [turnerkchar@aol.com](mailto:turnerkchar@aol.com)**

## Forest Heights Healthy Living Program: Presents: Senior Care



**Thursday January 22, 2015 @ 1-2 p.m.**

**Location: Forest Heights Municipal Building**

**5508 Arapahoe Drive**

**Forest Heights, MD 20745**

**RSVP by January 19, 2015 to Mrs. Hawkins**

## Open Enrollment Season November 15, 2014 to February 15, 2015



### Get covered...enroll now!

By law, under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), most people over age 18 must have health insurance coverage beginning in 2014 or pay a fine. The new health care law offers individuals and families access to affordable health insurance coverage, including private insurance (qualified health plans) and Medicaid (Medical Assistance).

If you need health insurance coverage, you can go to Maryland Health Connection ([www.marylandhealthconnection.gov](http://www.marylandhealthconnection.gov)) to shop, compare and enroll in quality health coverage. Other related information such as federal tax credits and subsidies you may qualify for, and public health programs is also available.

### Who is Eligible?

- For Medicaid enrollment, legal permanent resident of Montgomery or Prince George's counties, living in the U.S. for more than five years.
- For lower health coverage costs - lawfully present resident of Maryland.
- Age 18 to 64
- Do not have access to health coverage through their job.
- If you or your children are currently enrolled in Medicaid, you do not need to do anything. You will be contacted when it is time to renew your coverage.
- If you have Medicare, you are already covered and do not need to make any changes.

### What information do I need to sign up?

- Social security numbers.
- Immigration/citizenship status documents.
- Birth dates.
- Employer and income information for every member of your family who needs coverage (for example - paystubs or W-2 wage and tax statements).
- Policy number of any current health insurance plans covering your family.
- Information about any job-related health insurance available to your family.

**Health Coverage Enrollment  
for Residents of Montgomery and  
Prince George's Counties**

**The Affordable Care Act - Quality Health  
Coverage That Fits Your Budget**

### Three ways to enroll—

- Online - [www.marylandhealthconnection.gov](http://www.marylandhealthconnection.gov)
- Phone 1-855-642-8572 (Toll Free)  
TTY 1-855-642-8573 (Toll Free)
- In-person - staff is available in different locations - check [www.capitalhealthconnection.org](http://www.capitalhealthconnection.org) for locations

**General questions—** call the Capital Health Connection at 240-773-8250.

This information is available in alternate formats by calling 240-773-8250. For TTY, call Maryland Relay at 711 and an operator will assist you.

[www.capitalhealthconnection.org](http://www.capitalhealthconnection.org)



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## Diabetes 101 Prevention and Control Health Seminar

We were privileged to have Masha Fox-Rabinovich, an Outpatient Dietitian & Certified Diabetes Educator from Washington Adventist Hospital, educate our Town residents on Diabetes Prevention and Control at the Dec. 18 Health Seminar.

Ms. Fox-Rabinovich provided tips on diabetes self-management techniques such as practicing healthy eating habits and scheduling time for physical activity. She also gave a breakdown of the recommended amount of servings from the 5 food groups, and encouraged residents to document what they eat in a food journal.

Washington Adventist Hospital has a Diabetes Education Program that provides outpatient classes, diabetes educators for individual education, and monthly support groups for diabetics. Additional resources can be found at [www.diabetes.org](http://www.diabetes.org) and [www.dlife.com](http://www.dlife.com).

## Experience Expand Explore – Prince George's County

Hey Forest Heights residents! Have you heard of Prince George's County's new marketing campaign **Experience Expand Explore**? The campaign has already made its way to BWI, Reagan National and Dulles airports. Signs and banners are currently on display to engage business travelers and visitors to explore everything that awaits them in Prince George's County, from our history to our great attractions.

The second phase of the County's marketing campaign is interactive, and encourages residents and visitors to share their stories and images on social media. If you are active on Twitter and want to share in the experience, visit the Prince George's County Conference & Visitors Bureau @**ExperiencePGC**, the Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation @**ExpandPGC**, and the Prince George's County E-Government @**ExplorePGC**.

# Town Community News (continued)

## Calling All Aspiring Student Filmmakers!

President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama will be hosting the second White House Student Film Festival. The theme of this year's festival is *The Impact of Giving Back*.

PGCPS will host preparation workshops/meetings for students and parents Jan. 6, 8, 13 and 15 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Charles Herbert Flowers High School, 10001 Ardwick-Ardmore Road, Springdale, MD 20774.

### Submission Guidelines:

- All films must be shorter than 3 minutes.
- All films must be made by students in grades K-12.
- No film may use copyrighted material including music, TV shows, or movies.
- All films must be uploaded to YouTube
- All film submissions must be received by **11:59 p.m. EST on January 20, 2015**.

For more information, visit <http://www.whitehouse.gov/filmfestival>

Student Contact: 301-386-1619 or [dwayne.brown@pgcps.org](mailto:dwayne.brown@pgcps.org) OR 301-817-0092 or [maria.saldana@pgcps.org](mailto:maria.saldana@pgcps.org)

General Information: 301-277-1402 or [rdallas@pgahc.org](mailto:rdallas@pgahc.org)

## Do You Need Community Service Hours?

*You make a living by what you get.*

*You make a life by what you give*

Please contact Sherletta Hawkins (Bean)  
at the office 301-839-1030



## FOREST HEIGHTS LIMITLESS ALL STARZ CHEER & DANCE PROGRAM

**SCHEDULE SATURDAY 10:30-1:00 P.M.**



PRINCE GEORGE'S  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

TEAMBUILDERS  
ACADEMY

## TeamBuilders Academy is Recruiting for the Spring 2015 Semester!

TeamBuilders Academy is Prince George's Community College's Flagship Workforce Development Program offering training in various trades such as Administrative Services, Automotive Technician, Construction, Hospitality, and Information Technology.

### Eligibility:

- Unemployed
- Prince George's County Resident
- 18 years of age or older
- High School Graduate or GED recipient
- Driver's License

### Recruitment Session

Date: Monday, January 12th, 2015

Time: 10:00a.m Sharp

Location: Westphalia Training Center (WTC)

9109 Westphalia Road, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774

### What to Bring:

Valid Driver's License

High School Diploma / GED or College Transcript

Proof of Residency (Utility Bill, lease, vehicle registration)

Social Security Card, If Veteran – DD214

To all participating organizations and partners, please:

- a) Collect the names of members who are interested in attending this session and
- b) Forward the names and contact information to:  
[deadwyjt@pgcc.edu](mailto:deadwyjt@pgcc.edu) – attention John Deadwyler or  
[hallga@pgcc.edu](mailto:hallga@pgcc.edu) – attention Gabrielle Hall

For more information, please contact the TeamBuilders Academy at (301)-322-0964

*"It's a very important thing to learn to talk to people you disagree with."*

## Youth@Work/Summer Youth Enrichment Program

The Prince George's County Youth@Work/Summer Youth Enrichment Program (SYEP) provides an opportunity for young people across the county to participate in career development, life-skills training and summer employment opportunities.

To prepare for job success, County youth are strongly encouraged to register for Youth@Work/SYEP job readiness training, offered in partnership with Prince George's Community College and Prince George's County Public Schools. Participants will receive a certificate of completion at the end of the program and priority placement for County summer employment positions.

Candidates for the Youth@Work Program **must be between the ages of 15 and 19**. Online registration for the job readiness training starts **Jan. 5, 2015**. The courses will occur at 6 locations throughout the county (specific locations TBD).

County youth and their parents/guardians are also encouraged to attend the Youth@Work Kickoff/Job Readiness Training Open House **Jan. 10, 2015, 10 AM-12 PM** at Prince George's Community College, 505 Largo Road, Largo Student Center, Community Rooms A – C.

For more information or to register online for the Job Readiness Training, visit the Prince George's Community College's website [www.pgcc.edu/go/youthatwork](http://www.pgcc.edu/go/youthatwork) or direct your questions via email to [youth-work@pgcc.edu](mailto:youth-work@pgcc.edu).

Additional information on the SYEP can be found at the Prince George's County Government website: <http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/summeryouth/Pages/default.aspx>

## ***Town Community News (continued)***

**The Town of Forest Heights is please to announce that there were 22 completed projects under the Weatherization Assistance Program and the total cost for the projects were \$84,000.00, which was through the MD Energy Assistance Collaboration! CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE THAT PARTICIPATED!** Now we are ready for round four, please see below information:

### **The Weatherization Assistance Program**

Are you having difficulty paying your energy bills?

Does your home need energy efficiency retrofits?

According the US Dept. of Energy, "checking a home's insulation is one of the fastest and most cost effective ways to use a whole-house approach to reduce energy waste and make the most of your energy dollars."

The Collaboration of Towns is once again offering low to moderate income household's renovation, rehabilitation in conjunction with weatherization. Homeowner must meet income criteria and be willing to provide documentation that income is BELOW the following:

### **Income Table Household**

(Veterans and/or Retired Homeowners will be given preference)

1 person: income below \$36,000 \$0 cost \$36,000-\$64,000 10%	2 people: income under \$51,600 \$0 cost \$51,600-\$73,100 10%
3 people: income under \$58,080 \$0 cost \$58,080-\$82,300 10%	4 people: income under \$64,500 \$0 cost \$64,500-\$91,400 10%
5 people: income under \$75,450 \$0 cost \$75,450-\$98,700 10%	6 people: income under \$81,050 \$0 cost \$81,050-\$106,000 10%

For all moderate income homeowners participating in this program (households with income limits that fall within 60% to 85% of State median income), MEA requests that all moderate income homeowners contribute at least 10% of the total project cost.

### **The following make the home ineligible for this opportunity:**

Had an energy audit within the past 6 months; Aggressive dogs not being safely handled; Drug use;

Threats to auditor; Home is sealed too tight resulting in the inability of fumes to escape through natural ventilation;

Major roof issues; Major plumbing problems; Gas leak; Structurally inadequate; Rental property;

Plaster ceiling (which needs a hatch cut to blow insulation into the attic).

Please contact Bonita Anderson (301) 839-1030 to request that your house is submitted for consideration for this opportunity.

## **JANUARY 2015**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 TOWN HALL CLOSED NO BULK	2	3
4	5 MAYOR/COUNCIL MEETING 7:30 p.m. Trash/Recycle Online Registration starts for Youth@Work/SYEP <a href="http://www.pgcc.edu/">http://www.pgcc.edu/</a>	6	7 Yard Waste Exercise Classes 11:40- 12:40p.m.	8	9	10 Blue Sky 5 Harmony Hall Regional Center Hunter/Jumper Winter Series Horse Show The Show Place
11 Hunter/Jumper Winter Series Horse Show The Show Place Arena	12 Public Hearing on Forest Heights Annexation Plan 6:00pm.	13	14 Yard Waste Exercise Classes 11:40- 12:40p.m.	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 MAYOR/ COUNCIL MEETING 8:00 p.m. Public Hearing on Forest Heights Annexation Plan 8:00pm.	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Yard Waste Exercise Classes 11:40- 12:40p.m.	29	30	31

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Local Forest Heights

Post Customer

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## Town Community News (continued)

### YOU DUMP IT, YOU DRINK IT

- ▶ Used motor oil can contaminate our waterways if not disposed properly. What we do with the used oil from our cars plays an important role in balancing our desire for convenient transportation with our desire for a clean and healthy environment.
  - ▶ Other contaminants that are bad for our waterways include detergents, coolant, grease, fertilizer and paint.
  - ▶ If you recycle just two gallons of used oil, it can generate enough electricity to run the average household for almost 24 hours.
  - ▶ If you change your own oil, be certain to take it to a collection center for recycling; if you take your car to be serviced, ask if they recycle the oil that they remove.
- To find out where you can safely dispose of your motoroil, call 1-800-CLEANUP.



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Prince George's County Second Nature is an initiative of the Department of the Environment, Redevelopment Authority, and Office of Central Services to promote cost savings and sustainability in our everyday behavior.

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Performing Arts

### Workshops

**Location**  
Prince George's Community  
College  
Marlboro Hall – Room 2056  
301 Largo Road, Largo MD 20774  
10:00 am – 2:00pm

**Dates**  
January 10, 2015  
January 24, 2015  
February 7, 2015  
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March 14, 2015  
March 28, 2015

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Humanities

### Forest Heights Notary

9 am - 4 pm Monday - Friday

Notary is \$2 per document

**301-839-1030**

### ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

Phone (301) 839-1030 Fax (301) 839-9236

8:30a.m.—5:00 p.m.

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# Town Community News (continued)

**Forest Heights was the first Town in Prince George's County to implement the system Forest Heights Automated Collection has been around since 2013:**

The Automated Collection involves the use of a truck with an automated, mechanical arm to lift a specially-designed container from the curbside, dump its contents into the truck, and return the cart to the curbside. The system requires only 1 person to operate, as the driver controls everything from the cab. In contrast, the traditional collection system used by the Township required 2 laborers and a driver to collect the trash. Automated Collection, results in a much more efficient, less labor intensive, and safer procedure for collection of trash. Automated Collection was one system implemented in order to save taxpayers money.

**Cart, Care and Usage** The Automated Collection System requires the use of a specially designed container. Regular garbage cans cannot be used with the new system. The Automated Collection System container sizes are: 96 gallon. The town has recently distributed the 96 gallon containers to all households in Forest Heights. If the 96 gallon container is not large enough for your needs, you may purchase 1 additional 96 gallon container from the town for \$75.00. Note: The container belongs to the address and can't legally be removed.

**What Can I Put In The New Container?** Your container is for the **disposal of regular household garbage**. To help prevent odors and insect problems, the DPW suggests that you place your trash in plastic bags. This is only a suggestion and not a requirement.

**What Can't I Put In The New Container?** The following items **should not** be put into the new container:

Batteries	Leaves	Concrete	Motor Oil	Dead Animals	Paints
Brush	Metal	Flammable Liquids	Pool Chemicals	Florescent Light Bulbs	Recyclables
Grass	Solvents	Hazardous Materials	Tires	Hot Ashes	Wood

**Moving the Container** Before moving the container, make sure the lid is closed. From the rear of the container, grasp the lid hinge handle bar and place your foot in the notch provided at the bottom of the container. Tilt the container toward you and push or pull the container to roll it. Care should be exercised when moving the container on slopes and inclines.

Your container should be at curbside by **Sunset on Sunday** or the day of your weekly waste collection day. **Please remove your container from the curb by sunrise the following morning.**

**Placing the Container for Collection** Set your container at the curb or on the edge of the street. The automated truck will return your container to the same place. Please do not place your container in front of or directly adjacent to mailboxes, poles and signs. Please also do not place your container behind parked cars or park in front of your neighbor's container. This helps the driver pickup the container faster, safely and saves time and money.

**Container Collection** The automated truck operator will only pickup the container, they will not pickup any item placed along side of the container nor will they pickup overloaded containers where the garbage may fall on the ground during the automated arm operation.

**Container Maintenance & Upkeep** Never put food waste directly into your container without bagging it first! It is recommended that you keep the lid on your container closed to deter insects and animals. Please do not overload the container so the lid can not be closed. In order to reduce insects and odor, we recommend that you periodically wash the container out with soap and water. Try to store your container in a cool place away from direct sunlight and other sources of heat.

If your container needs to be repaired or replaced, please call the Dept. of Public Works at 301-839-1030, and we will make the necessary arrangements for the repair of the container.

To maximize the efficiency of automated collection both in terms of operation and tax savings, the Town will pickup regular household trash once a week.

**Holidays** When a holiday occurs during the week that Town employees have off, all subsequent collection days are pushed back one day. For example, if a holiday falls on a Monday, regularly scheduled collection for Monday would be done on Tuesday, **NOTE ONLY WASTE COLLECTION** all other service will be pickup the following week..

**Any questions about household trash collection items please call the public works department 301-839-1030.**

